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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars. Reserve Fund, \$1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " " 4% " "
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
On FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS, TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOS. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO., Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO. HAVE JUST LANDED, AND ARE NOW SELLING

Ex "Belgic" from San Francisco, The following Seasonable Stores of the Finest Quality.

TONGUES AND SOUNDS. WHITE FISH. PICKEREL.

TROUT. SALMON BELLIES. HALIBUT FINS.

HOLLAND HERRINGS. EAST SCALE HERRINGS. SMOKED SALMON.

SMOKED BEEF. RELIABLE BACON.

STAR HAMS. CHEESE.

KEG BUTTER. ROLL BUTTER.

NEW COD FISH. BONELESS COD FISH.

C. R. SALMON. BEEF TONGUES. GREEN PEAS.

LIMA BEANS. STRING BEANS.

GREEN CORN. CAVIAR GLASS.

PECAN NUTS. PEA NUTS.

HONEY. CORNED BEEF. OYSTERS.

LOBSTERS. CRACKERS. GOLDEN GATE FLOUR.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de3

FOR SALE.

GENUINE DUE DE MONTEBELLO CHAMPAGNE.

In Good Condition, at the following Greatly Reduced Prices.

Per Case 1 Doz. Quarts, \$13.
" 2 " Pints, \$14.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, November 18, 1878. de18

NOTICE.

C O K E & T A R

FOR SALE, IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

Apply at the GAS WORKS, West Point.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, November 8, 1878. ja1

WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE, in Splendid Condition. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. LADIES' GARDENING TOOLS. ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS.

MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOK. Novelties in Meerschaum PIPES & CIGAR TUBES. POCKET KNIVES.

THE NEW CHAMPAGNE TAP. SWIMMING BELTS and AIR CUSHIONS.

CHABLIS, in Pints. TWEEDS, in Suit or Trouser Lengths.

FRIZES, for Usters. WINNER SOCKS & UNDERSHIRTS, Newest Patterns.

CHAMBERS'S ENCYCLOPEDIA, Latest Edition. KEILOR'S DUNDEE MARMALADE.

KEITH JOHNSTON'S LATEST ATLAS. DICTIONARIES & WORKS of REFERENCE. TODDY KETTLES.

SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY. SADDLERY.

SCARVES and TIES, Newest Patterns. GRAMMARS and SCHOOL BOOKS.

NEW SEASON'S APPLES. THE NEWEST NOVELS. RED HEART RUM.

SHOOTING BOOTS. SPORTING GEAR, of all Descriptions.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 3rd December, 1878, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, Comprising:—

Old Wrought and Cast Iron. Old Wines, Canvas and Leather

Hoses, Lanterns, Glass, White and Painted Canvas.

Old Boilers, Boats, &c., &c. Sundry Provisions and Clothing.

10 Haly's Screw Jacks. &c., &c., &c.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. d3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by

Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class

IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP "AMERICA,"

of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton,

and Engine by Messrs. Top and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound

Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal),

working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Knots), about 8 Tons;

Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth,

extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.;

Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.;

Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100

Tons, or 15,500 Piculs exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyd's 90 A1; Water

Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARTFIELD'S Patent Wind-

lass; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft, for 3. Boilers

retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class

order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be Sold SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEERS, whose Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ETZEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five DOLLARS, or Two DOLLARS and a HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KNULEY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr L. HENRIQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.

H. DE POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. de13

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG, No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG, No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878. de30

Intimations.

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY,

WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. tel

CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA EN HONGKONG.

CON arreglo al pliego de Condiciones que se halla de manifiesto en este Consulado y en el Aviso de Guerra Español "MARQUEZ DEL DUERO" hasta las 11 de la mañana del 29 del actual; se saca a pública licitación la LIMPIEZA DE LOS FONDOS DE DICHO BUQUE, LA CONSTRUCCION DE UN BOTE, para el mismo y otras REPARACIONES.

Dicho Acto tendrá lugar en la Cancillería de este Consulado a las 12 en punto del referido día 29 y hasta media hora antes se admitirán las proposiciones que se presenten, las cuales han de estar arregladas al modelo que al final del pliego de condiciones se copia.

Hongkong, 18 de Noviembre de 1878. El Consul Interino.

JOSE VELEZ.

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H. HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply

BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WILLINGDON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARLETHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Entertainment.

V. R. GARRISON THEATRE.

THE BAND AMATEURS OF HER MAJESTY'S 74th HIGHLANDERS will, by kind permission of Colonel Jago, give a

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE ON Wednesday Evening,

the 4th December, 1878.

(By Special Request) The Performance will commence with a Comedy, in Two Acts, by

PELHAM HARDWICK, Esq., Entitled:

"A BACHELOR OF ARTS."

To conclude with a Farcical Extravaganza, in One Act, by

Messrs BROUGH and HALLIDAY, Entitled:

"THE COLLEEN BAWN SETTLED AT LAST."

Doors Open at 8.30; Curtain to rise at 9.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Reserved Seats, 1 DOLLAR. Front Seats, 50 CENTS. Back Seats, 25 CENTS.

Tickets may be obtained from D. WISHART, Band Sergeant, Manager.

Hongkong, November 27, 1878. de5

Shipping.

Entertainment.

POSTPONED
IN CONSEQUENCE OF MR. VERNON NOT
HAVING RECOVERED SUFFICIENTLY
TO APPEAR.

**THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.**

THE OPERA SEASON BEING
FINISHED,
MR. JOHN ROLLINGS
BEGS to Announce that he will take his
FAREWELL BENEFIT
In Hongkong,

ON
SATURDAY EVENING,
November 30th, 1878,
(ST. ANDREW'S DAY.)

On which occasion will be produced
BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA
"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,"
In Four Acts,
With all its Startling Effects.

MISS CLARA STANLEY AS EILY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
Hardress Oregan, Mr. H. VERNON.
Danny Mann, Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
Myles-na-Coppaleen, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
Anne O'Connell, Miss B. DRABGER.
Mrs. Oregan, Miss A. DRABGER.
Father Tom, Mr. PADDON.
Mr. Corrigan, Mr. MACKINNON.
Servant, Mr. BEAUMONT.
Shelah, Miss B. DRABGER.
EILY O'CONNOR, Miss CLARA STANLEY.
Hunters, &c.

THE CELEBRATED WATER CAVE SCENE WILL
BE PRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH
ALL ITS STARTLING EFFECTS.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.
HALL OF TORE OREGAN.

ACT II.
THE GAP OF DUNLOE.

COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.

Mr. J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRABGER
will introduce the celebrated
Mrs. MACGOWAN'S REEL.

ACT III.

SCENE 1ST.—EXTERIOR OF TORE
OREGAN.

SCENE 2ND.—MOUNTAIN PASS.

Interval of Five Minutes.

SCENE 3RD.—THE CELEBRATED CAVE
SCENE.

ACT IV.

THE MARRIAGE SCENE.

GENERAL DENOUEMENT.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, Mr. F. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole
Direction of

MR. H. VERNON.

REMEMBER SATURDAY, Nov. 30th!

ROLLINGS' BENEFIT.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
Messrs. Kruze & Co.'s, where a Plan of the
Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra

Stalls..... Two DOLLARS.

Pit..... ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, November 27, 1878. del

Intimations.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:—

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—
Russell & Co.

FOURMAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B.
Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A.
Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

GRANILLA, British barque, Captain
Wallace.—Caplain.

ALEPPO, British barque, Captain Robert
Falconer.—Caplain.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M.
Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

NARBE, French barque, Capt. W. L.
Bryat.—Messageries Maritimes.

FURK or FORKS, British barque, Capt.
J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVOS, British barque, Captain
James Beer.—Caplain.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jo-
sen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

CHAS. AND, British barque, Capt. W.
S. Hawkins.—Olyphant & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship

"DIAMANT," will be de-

parted for the above Port

on SATURDAY, the 30th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.

The Steamship

"NAMO," will be de-

parted for the above Ports

on SUNDAY, the 1st December, at Day-

light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878. del

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"REI HO," will be de-

parted for SHANGHAI

on SATURDAY, the 30th Inst., at 9 a.m.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"TIERE," will be de-

parted for YOKOHAMA

on FRIDAY, the 29th Inst., at 4 p.m.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES

MARITIMES.

S. S. PEI HO.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.

Ganga, from London, in con-

nection with the above Steamer, are hereby

informed that these Goods are being

landed and stored at their risk at the Com-

pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be

obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees, before TO-DAY, the 28th Inst., at

5 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THUR-

SDAY, the 5th December, at Noon, will be

subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

NORWEGIAN S. S. HAKON

ADELSTEIN, FROM NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-

named Vessel are hereby requested

to send in their Bills of Lading to the Un-

dersigned for countersignature, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the

Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

NOTICE.

As the Weather is now favourable, the

Undersigned is Prepared to SUPPLY

his former CUSTOMERS with the follow-

ing ITEMS now in Season:—

ROAST BEEF.

CORNEED BEEF.

CORNEED TONGUES.

PICKLED PORK.

MUTTON.

GAME PIE.

SAUSAGES.

GAME and

VEGETABLES.

All of the very Best Quality.

Any Orders I may be favoured with will

be immediately attended to and forwarded

by the First Opportunity.

W. HOPKINS,

2, Tientsin Road,

Shanghai.

Shanghai, November 28, 1878. del

Charters Effected.

The following settlements have been

effected:—

Swedish barque Alma, 347, to Hamburg,

private.

American barque Amy Turner, 991, to

New York, private.

British barque Monita, 621, to New

York, private.

British ship Min-y-don, 1103, to San

Francisco, private.

French barque Franklin, 553, Saigon to

Mauritius or Bourbon, fr. 26 per ton, 26 lay

days.

German barque Angostura, 418, Saigon to

Sourabaya, 20 cents per piece, 30 lay

days.

German barque Malvina, 479, to Hal-

phong, thence to Tournon, and back to

Hongkong, \$2,100 in full.

French barque Nouveau Coriolan, 309,

to Haiphong, thence to Tournon, and back

to Haiphong, private.

German barque Brema, 398, to Batavia,

Samarang and Sourabaya, private.

British barque Penrith, 649, to Hal-

phong, thence to Tournon and back to Hong-

kong, 14 cents per piece, 50 lay days.

German barque Tek-ll, 380, monthly

charter, 3 months; \$600 per month.

British steamer Washi, 266, to Saigon,

\$500 in full.

Portuguese Alva, 631, on the berth for

Bombay.

German brig Carl, 215, left for Bangkok,

seeking.

German barque Ta-lee, 842, left for

Bangkok, seeking.

British barque Firth of Forth, 830, pro-

ceeds to Rangoon, under charter effected at

home.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 27, *Crucader*, American barque,

669, Wigram, Nagasaki Nov. 26, Coal.

Nov. 27, *China*, German steamer, 648,

Ackermann, Shanghai Nov. 24, General.

Nov. 27, *Rajasthanian*, British str.,

952, Hopkins, Bangkok Nov. 27, General.

Nov. 28, *Aterton*, British steamer, 1086,

Darnell, Swatow Nov. 27, Ballast.

Nov. 28, *Taiwan*, British steamer, 409,

M. Young, Taiwan Nov. 25, Amoy 26,

and Swatow 27, General.—Douglas La-

ffrak & Co.

Nov. 28, *Peiho*, French steamer, 2074,

Paquelin, Marseilles Oct. 20, Naples 22,

Port Said 26, Suez 28, Aden Nov. 3, Gallo

12, Singapore 18, Saigon 23, Mails and

General.—Messageries Maritimes.

Nov. 28, *Parade*, French barque, 642,

T. Pasco, Newchwang Nov. 16, Beans.—

Carlowitz & Co.

Nov. 28, *Helene*, German barque, 372,

F. A. Volkmann, Newchwang Nov. 12,

Beans.—Witke & Co.

Nov. 28, *Olympia*, German steamer, 783,

F. Nagel, Swatow Nov. 27, General.—

Kwo & Co.

Nov. 28, *Diamant*, British steamer, 514,

E. Thebaud, Manila Nov. 26, General.—

Russell & Co.

Nov. 28, *Hakon Adelsen*, Norwegian

steamer, 1004, Bergh, Nagasaki Nov. 23,

Coal and General.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG &

Co.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 28, *Yotung*, for Swatow.

28, *Douglas*, for Coast Ports.

28, *Atlanta*, for Haiphong.

28, *Sun Kee*, Chi. R. Co., for a cruise.

28, *Amazona*, for Marseilles, &c.

28, *China*, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Fuyee, for Shanghai.

Drumlog, for Singapore.

Melina, for Haiphong.

Penrith, for Haiphong.

Albyn's Isle, for Bangkok.

Tek-ll, for Guam.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Peiho*, for Hongkong: from Mar-

seilles, Mr. N. Morehouse, Mrs. Roennah

and 2 children, Mr. Lind, Mr. and Mrs. Orlino

and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Menarini,

Messrs. Yohabst, Richter, Hegman,

they will do well to keep a watchful eye on their property. There are a good many house-sneaks prowling about who never miss an opportunity to become possessed of other people's goods, whether by day or night; in fact they find the daytime the safest at present owing to the light and pass system being again in full force. Their favorite hour is about dusk, or between 3 past 5 and 3 past 6 o'clock in the evening.

Our contemporaries of Manila seem to have a faculty for the marvellous, and their news items are therefore sometimes interesting. In the *Diario* of the 16th the following announcement appears:—"Illustrated Traveller.—Probably in the steamer *Diamante*, expected here on Thursday next, from China, will arrive at this capital the Governor General of Hongkong, who proposes to visit Manila and probably some other parts of the Archipelago. Preparations are being made to receive this high functionary." Mr Hennessy seems fated by Dame Rumour to be sent to several parts of the globe at one and the same time. Such is the penalty of celebrated public men.

REAR-ADMIRAL Patterson, now in command of the U. S. Asiatic squadron, thus writes to Washington under date of Sept. 2nd:—"The iron-clad *Audacious*, bearing the flag of Vice Admiral C. P. Hillyar, R. N., Commander-in-Chief of the British naval forces on the China station, sailed for Hongkong on the 26th day of August, homeward bound. When in company with him at Hongkong he repeatedly offered me the facilities of the Government Dock Yard and Naval Hospital, the latter of which the *Ranger* has had occasion to avail herself of. Our relations have been of the most friendly and cordial character, and I, as well as the officers generally of the squadron, have been particularly indebted to him for many official and social courtesies, which I take great pleasure in bringing to the notice of the department."

THOUGH much more interested in gas bills than Gas Company shares, we think it would be a wise proceeding financially if the Gas Company were to reduce the price of Gas. If this were done large numbers of Chinese would be induced to use gas in preference to oil. The Chinese are fully alive to the superiority of gas over oil, but what they chiefly look to is the price. Which is the most economical, they ask, gas or oil? Let the Gas Company place themselves in a position to answer "Gas," by reducing its present enormous price to something reasonable, and there is nothing to prevent the consumption being doubled. The Company will perhaps have us believe that any reduction is impossible; but in that case how is it that the two Shanghai Gas Companies can afford to supply it at a cheaper rate per 100 ft. The consumption here is greater than in the Model Settlement, and is confined to one Company, whereas in Shanghai the spoils are shared by two companies, each of which pays good dividends. If the Hongkong Gas Company were a local Company, they might see the wisdom of such a step, and the local Manager would deserve the thanks of the shareholders were he to strongly represent this matter to the home office. Shanghai labourers under the same disadvantages as Hongkong as regards her supply of coal, and the consumption being smaller one might reasonably infer that the cost of production per thousand feet is greater. Whilst speaking of gas we may notice that the primitive method of lighting street lamps is still resorted to here, viz., the ladder and hand-lamp. For years past at home the lamp-lighter has been enabled to dispense with the ladder, except to clean the lamps occasionally. We trust these few remarks may tend to throw a little light on the subject for the benefit of both shareholders and consumers. At present the Hongkong Gas Company is, as it were, standing in its own light, when it might benefit itself, its customers and shareholder, at the same time.

To-day was Thanksgiving-day amongst our American friends, and set apart as it is to commemorate events of a national character, it has a strong attraction to all Americans, even to those who are exiled in Hongkong and elsewhere. "Turkey Day" in the States is by no means forgotten out of the Union by those who look to the Great Republic for their original heart-throb. In order to give the day some sort of holiday appearance a race was got up for sailing ships' boats, the entrance fee being fixed at \$5. Five boats entered, viz., the *Monica*, *Little Perry*, *Spartan*, *Fleetwing*, and *Houppur*. They started from abreast the Naval Coal Sheds at Kowloon; and had to run twice round Stone-Quitter's Island and in, finishing off at a buoy a little to the eastward of the Coal Sheds. There was a moderate sailing breeze on this side of the Bay, but on the other side the wind was very light, and as a natural consequence, the boats required very careful handling. The *Fleetwing's* boat was a name of sailors, a great portion of which must

have been dispensed with if there had been a breeze worthy the name, otherwise it would have completely buried her. This very amplitude of canvas, however, was exactly what was requisite for the weather to-day, and she walked away from her rivals as though they had been at anchor. The *Little Perry's* boat, which at first appeared hopelessly out of the race, was very lucky in rounding the island, where the wind only came in fitful gusts and was very unsteady. She hugged the land, and by so doing had an advantage over those who stood more out in the open in search of a steady breeze. The *Little Perry* thus not only had less distance to cover but the puffs from the gulleys forged her ahead, and she crept into third place. The race was somewhat uninteresting for lack of wind, and from the first it was evident to nearly everyone that the *Fleetwing's* boat had it all her own way, unless a sharp breeze sprang up, and she drifted home a winner, a considerable distance ahead of her rivals; the *Spartan's* boat being second, and the *Little Perry's* third. A good deal of money is said to have changed hands over the tussle.

The shipping, especially the men-of-war, was gay with bunting, but this was not alone owing to the fact of its being Thanksgiving day, as was evidenced by the Spanish flag being flown from the main of the vessels of war. This was an act of courtesy in recognition of the birthday of His Majesty the King of Spain, and salutes were fired in his honor. A salute was also fired from the Battery in honor of the Marquis de Turgot, who embarked on board the *Amazon* to-day, in the Government steam-launch, en route to Europe.

(L. and C. Express, Oct. 18th.)

The *Curlew*, from the China Station, has arrived at Gibraltar, en route to Spithead, but is detained in order to carry out the duties of the *Express* while that ship is docked at Cadiz. A telegram from Hongkong dated 18th inst., states that Governor Hennessy's financial statement shows a favourable balance of \$740,000. A new man-of-war, the *Nayadnik*, is shortly to be added to the Russian navy. She is built clipper-fashion like the *Rasbolsk*, launched at St. Petersburg a few months ago. The engines are now under construction at Messrs Penn's factory at Deptford. The length of the *Nayadnik* is 214 feet, its breadth 33 feet, depth 14 feet, and its displacement 1,334 tons. Three 6-inch guns will be placed on a revolving platform on the upper deck, and four 4-pounder rifled guns on each side of the same deck. The vessel has been designed by a Russian architect, Captain Subbotin, who also drew the plans for the *Rasbolsk*. This vessel is to be placed on the Pacific station, and will replace one of the ships at Vladivostok.

The departure of Sir Thomas Wade has been again postponed. Mr Nicolson, who has been for some time Second Secretary at Peking, has obtained leave and is now on the way home. Mr Fraser, the First Secretary, who has been Chargé d'Affaires during the absence of Sir Thomas Wade, will obtain leave, and may be expected home early in the ensuing year. We understand that the post of Chinese Secretary has not yet been filled up. On the arrival of Sir Thomas at Peking it is expected that there will be several changes in the posts of the Consular staff; but a complete arrangement, according to the late scheme, cannot be effected until the return or resignation of Sir Brooke Robertson and Mr Mongani. Mr Octavius Johnston proceeded by last mail to Shanghai for orders.

His Excellency Kwo, accompanied by Li Fang Pao—who will shortly take charge of the Chinese Legation at Berlin—is on a tour in Scotland, and paid a visit to the Court of Session in Edinburgh. They were conducted through the Parliament House by the Dean of Faculty. While in the second division they were invited by the Lord Justice Clerk to seats within the bar. It is announced from St. Petersburg that the Russian Minister of Finance has allotted funds for the immediate construction of fifty-nine telegraph lines in Chinese Siberia and Turkestan. The majority will run from Tashkent in the direction of the various Russian outposts between Fort Petro Alexandrovsk in Khiva and the camp of Naryn on the Kashgarian frontier.

We hear that Mr Matsugata is now on a tour through the manufacturing districts of Great Britain, with a view of seeing how the production of staple goods can be inaugurated in Japan.

Mr Mowatt will, we understand, receive the appointment of Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of China and Japan. *London*.—Oct. 12, the *Cilurnum*, Cardiff to Hong Kong, has been towed in with loss of fore-topmast, fore-topgallantmast, and main-topgallant mast, with yards and sails. Lieutenant Gerald King Harman, of the *Mosquito*, has been awarded the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for jumping overboard in the strong current of the Woonung River in the effort to save a man who had fallen overboard. Lieutenant Stephen Thompson, of the *Revenge*, has also received the bronze medal for saving a man who was capsized in a boat in Queens-town Harbour.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

28th Nov., 1878.

DEFENDERS.

Peter McEuen, a seaman, belonging to the U. S. S. *Alert*, surrendered himself as a deserter from H. M. S. 25th Regiment in 1871 at Portsmouth. He was committed to gaol pending reference to the Military Authorities.

A NAUGHTY POLICEMAN.

Chan Achung, a chair-cooler, was charged by P. C. No 628 (Ahmed) with obstructing the footpath near the Club at Queen's Road. Defendant said he was another man's chair, not his; he told the constable this, but he did not understand him, and took him in charge.—Wong Ngoh Chi, clerk of the W. Fong shop, Queen's Road, said he saw the defendant arrested, and the constable treated him very roughly by treading on his bare feet and thrusting his staff into defendant's side.—Complainant stated that defendant was resisting, so he (complainant) beat him.—Inspector Craighall said he saw the defendant being brought to the station, and the constable ill-treating him. The defendant was going quietly along.—Mr

Craighall fined the chair-cooler 2s cents for obstruction, and the Constable \$5 for misconduct as a Constable.

LARCENY.

Leung Aming, a blacksmith, was sent to 6 months' hard labour for stealing a bolt and a piece of copper, the property of Mr Sampson of the Harbour Department. Defendant admitted six previous convictions, and asked that he might be deported to Shanghai, his native place, after his release.

Ian Afuk, a hawker, was sent to 4 months' hard labour for being in unlawful possession of a fowl at night, and was fined \$10, or two months' further imprisonment for being out without a light or pass, and to be exposed in the stocks near the doors of one of the theatres for 6 hours. The fowl was afterwards claimed by Mr Tauber.

QUITTING TREES.

Ip Wong Fat, a farmer, was fined \$10, or 6 weeks' hard labour, and to be exposed for 6 hours in the stocks at Little Hongkong, for cutting young bamboos.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges)

On the night of the 14th November, at about 10 o'clock, the Captain of the American barque *Masonic* was stabbed in the abdomen by the ship's steward with a table knife, and the wounded man died on the following morning between 2 and 3 o'clock, shortly after the arrival on board of Dr. Ricardo Buñke, from the injury he received. His remains were interred at the cemetery on the morning of the 15th. The United States Consul at this port went on board the *Masonic* to make the necessary enquiry into the affair and to charge the author of the crime, who, having confessed his guilt, was sent to the Bilibid gaol. The *Masonic* put into this port on the 6th of November, on her voyage from New York to Nagasaki, with a cargo of kerosine. The wife of the Captain was on board when the crime was committed, and our readers may judge of her terrible desolation. News has been received at Manila of a typhoon to the northern coast of Luzon during 14th, 15th and 16th November, and several disasters to the shipping have already been reported; in some cases the whereabouts of some of the vessels were unknown, among these is the steamer *Buhuan* with a large number of passengers on board.

The musicians engaged by M. Jean Remusat for a band at Shanghai now number fourteen. They will shortly leave for their destination. The appointment of Don Albino Menearri, Spanish Consul at Singapore, as Consul for Hongkong, has been gazetted. A sale of cigars took place on the 18th Nov., and 8923 cigars were sold for the total sum of \$113,562.42.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Manila on the 10th Nov. at 9.34 a.m., and the same shock was felt at Batangas (Taal), at 9.27 a.m. The British barque *John Nicholson* arrived from Shanghai on the 14th, and the German barque *Pallas* from Saigon on the 22nd November. The British barque *Brunett* left for Sydney on the 11th Nov.

In our latest Manila files we came across another case illustrative of the defects in the Customs administration of that country. It appears that on the 14th inst. the *Esme* alias Captain Cullen, reaching Manila in one of her voyages from Hongkong, several packages of China tobacco and joss sticks were found among the passengers' luggage. These articles were not mentioned in the manifest or declaration furnished by the Captain of the steamer to the Customs House. The goods on being found were immediately seized, and as a matter of course, a fine of \$1053.12, equal to four times the amount of duty on those articles, was imposed on the Captain. Messrs Peels, Hubbell & Co. the agents of the vessel, very properly appealed to higher authority against this proceeding on the part of the Customs' officials, on the plea that the goods found were not among the cargo of the steamer, but formed part of the passengers' luggage, and were therefore beyond his knowledge; but the result of the appeal was most unfavourable to the old and respectable firm in question. We think it is very hard for the Captain and Agents of vessels to be held responsible for the infraction of the law, or if it might be ignorance, on the part of one or more of the passengers on board their vessels, and to suffer the penalty of a fine. The law, we believe, was framed to meet the cases when fraud, intention to commit fraud, is clearly proved, and not to be carried to extremes in cases of involuntary omission or mistake, and even less when these very omissions were on the part of the passengers, and the Captain or the agents of a vessel could not be made responsible or liable in any way, for the fault, as has been done in the present instance. This state of affairs cannot continue long, and unless better consideration be shown to the parties engaged in the shipping trade, we shall soon see a marked absence of foreign bottoms in the Philippine waters. The *Diario* in one of its recent issues comments on this subject, and severely criticises the conduct of the authorities, winking up by suggesting a speedy revision of the existing Customs' regulations, in the interests of both the Government and the mercantile community generally.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Continued.)

The steamer *Suzhou*, which arrived to-day (Nov. 22nd), reports having passed the steamer *Glenn* at anchor off Cham Island on the 18th instant. It is believed that the machinery of the latter vessel had met with some accident.

We learn that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has authorised the purchase of a number of copies of Mr. Giles' *Glossary of References on subjects connected with the Far East* for the public service. We learn that a shock of earthquake was experienced at Amoy at 8.30 this morning (Nov. 23rd), lasting from 20 to 40 seconds. It was in the direction E.N.E. to W.S.W., the motion being horizontal and uniform.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co's steamer *Priho*, Captain Pasqualini, with the London mail of the 18th October, arrived here this afternoon.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

(Strait Times)

New York, Nov. 6.—The State Elections and the Congressional Elections have resulted in a great accession of strength to the Republicans in the Northern and Western States. The Democratic party is victorious in the Southern States. (The above message delayed owing to mutilation in transit.)

London, Nov. 8.—In the Board of Trade Returns for October the Exports amount to \$66,000,000 and the Imports to \$65,000,000.

The Exports show a decrease of 1,000,000, and the Imports show a decrease of 7,400,000.

London, Nov. 9.—The London Times publishes news from Russia to the effect that several thousand Russian military officers and soldiers are to be permitted to volunteer for service in Afghanistan in case of hostilities taking place there.

London, Nov. 10.—In the course of a speech at the Banquet in the Guild Hall, Beaconsfield said: "The invasion of India is physically unfeasible, for though it might be attempted, the precautions taken and our policy prevent the fatal supremacy of an individual power. I disbelieve that there exists any intention to evade the Treaty of Berlin, but England is determined to enforce it both in letter and spirit. I emphatically deny the alleged decadence theory. England is capable of creating not losing Empire!"

Vienna, Nov. 11.—The Emperor of Austria has granted full amnesty to the insurgents in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

London, Nov. 11.—The latest news from the Transvaal states that the Office has resumed hostilities on the plantations.

Bombay, Nov. 12.—General Biddulph has arrived at Quetta.

All the leading tribes near Dera Ismail and Dera Ghazi Khan on the frontier are exceedingly friendly.

The Amer has ordered the Reverends of Kandahar for the present year to be at once realized in cash. He has likewise ordered one hundred Camel loads of powder and shot to be sent from Kandahar to Kabul.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 11.—The Emperor of Russia has assured the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg that he wishes faithfully to execute the Treaty of Berlin in order to effect pacification.

Madras, Nov. 14.—Gold has been discovered in Wynad.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—Russia supports French intervention on behalf of Greece.

London, Nov. 15.—The President of the United States has ordered the payment of the Halifax Award on the 23rd of this month. The Despatch of the Marquis of Salisbury to the United States Secretary for Foreign Affairs, already referred to in our telegram of the 14th instant, stated that the British Government was prepared to consider in a friendly spirit any proposals which might be made by the Government of the United States.

(From Indian Papers.)

Peshawar, Oct. 30.—The advanced guard probably ascends the Khyber Pass during the next ten days. The 60th Rifles volunteer to storm all Musjid. Fever is so prevalent that the further crossing of troops over the Indus is deferred at present.

Simla, Oct. 31.—The Cabinet directs that an ultimatum be sent to Kabul and demands full acquiescence in our conditions or else an invasion will ensue. The Viceroy protests against a further letter and postpones his Lahore trip to the end of November, when he will probably abandon it.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—A portion of the Russian press protest against any direct assistance being given to the Amer and advocate a benevolent Russian neutrality. The *Golos* advises the Russian Government to prevent war between England and the Amer. The Russian army in Armenia has been reduced to a peace footing.

London, Nov. 2.—A great fire broke out yesterday in Maynooth college, one wing being destroyed.

The New Egyptian Government loan of eight and a half millions has been contracted with Rothschilds. The transport "Malabar" left Portsmouth yesterday for Bombay.

London, Nov. 3.—The transport *Malabar*, which had started for Bombay, has been delayed, owing to an accident.

A difficulty has arisen between England and America concerning the Newfoundland Fisheries. A despatch has been received from Mr. Evans, the American Secretary of State, in which he expresses regret at the occurrence being coincident with the settlement of the Halifax award. The New York press advocate non-compliance until settled (sic).

Count Schouvaloff has gone to Livadia, and the report is current that he will be appointed Vice Chancellor. The insurrection is extending in Macedonia. The insurgent forces are well organized.

London, Nov. 4.—The Times deprecates the impotence of India in the Afghan question and says that the Garriens will not be unsupported if the Amer should prove undecided whether the time has arrived to close negotiations with a declaration of war. There is no truth in the report that England had asked the Powers to assist her in enforcing the Treaty of Berlin. Consols on Saturday closed at 94, being a rise of one-quarter.

Uzvar, Nov. 5.—The Pioneer states it is rumoured that Afghan troops have arrived at Kandahar from Herat. The Amer himself is at Jellalabad, determined to attack the British at the Khyber Pass and Quetta. The Viceroy demands a reply to his ultimatum by November 20th.

Rome, Nov. 4.—The *Diretto* announces that France has made proposals to the great Powers to mediate on behalf of Greece and that Italy and Germany have consented.

London, Nov. 5.—The Financial Secretary for War, in a speech at Abingdon, stated that England's ultimatum to the Amer informs him that he must dismiss the Russians from Afghanistan and preserve his neutrality. London, Nov. 6.—Diplomatic correspondence between Mr. Waddington and the Marquis of Salisbury in reply to Lord Salisbury's announcement of the occupation of Cyprus by the English has been published. Mr. Waddington requires that England should give definite assurances respecting French interests in Syria and Egypt. Lord Salisbury, in his reply, desires cordial co-operation with France, and especially as

regards Egypt. Consols yesterday closed at 95, being a rise of one-half.

London, Nov. 6.—The *Globe* has published a statement to the effect that the true story of Sir Lewis Pelly's Mission to Peshawar is as follows:—Government demanded to establish British officers at Herat, Kandahar, and Balkh, but in consequence of the Amer's known objection to our being represented at Kabul the matter was not pressed as regards that city. In addition to this demand England offered to conclude an offensive and defensive alliance with the Amer; to restore the subsidy granted to his father, and guarantee the succession of Abdulla Jan to the throne. The Amer declined all these proposals, and complained that England had always sided with his enemies, and furthermore had occupied Quetta. Negotiations were then broken off with the Amer, and nothing had been received from him since until his reply to our letter asking permission for the British mission to go to Kabul.

Galle, Nov. 7, 6 a.m.—The *Merak* No. 3 was safely taken into deep water last night, and is now being properly berthed.

London, Nov. 7.—A Cabinet Council is summoned to meet to-day. The Times warmly approves the appointment of Sir Samuel Browne to a division in Peshawar Valley, as also the appointment of other Commanders on the frontier.

The latest advices state that the insurrection is extending in Bulgaria. Consols yesterday closed at 95.

The State elections have been carried by the Republicans in the Northern States by a large majority; in the Western States Democrats have been victorious; and in the Southern States the Democrats carried the day by a reduced majority.

London, Nov. 8.—The Times special correspondent at Berlin states that several thousand former Russian officers and soldiers have been permitted to enter the Afghan service.

The Board of Trade returns of imports for the last month amount to \$50,000,000 showing a decrease of seven millions. The returns of exports for the past month amount to \$17,250,000, showing a decrease of one million.

The *Himalaya*, with the Secretary of State for War and the First Lord of the Admiralty, has arrived at Cyprus.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 8.—The health of the Czar gives cause for great anxiety, and consequently modifications in his ministry are being postponed. Count Schouvaloff is returning to London to present his letters of recall. The Russian Government contemplates the establishment of a Consulate at Bombay. Consols 95.

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY NEAR THE YELLOW RIVER.

Tai-Nan-Fu, capital of Shanling Province, North-China.

Nov. 5th, 1878. Having referred, in a previous letter, to the alarm caused by the rise of the Yellow river, I may partially satisfy the interest thus excited by copying the notes taken on a recent tour of twelve days along the banks of this obnoxious and unprofitable servant of the Emperor.

During the first half of the month of October I had intended visiting many of the country villages in Tai Yang Hien—a district about one hundred li north-east of this city, but the severe rain prevented, and it was not till October 22nd that I was told that there was very little travel in that direction, because the country was flooded in many places, requiring long detours, and as people had been drowned in crossing the Yellow river, unless on urgent business few came from north of the river. By passing some distance to the east, sometimes walking and sometimes on donkeys, I reached a point on the river, 120 li from Tai-nan-fu, called the Dragon Temple. Here I saw that since July 3rd, when I crossed there last, the river had permanently widened its bed, probably two rods on the average. The terror of the people for ten or more days and nights was extreme. Embankments were thrown up by the villagers, and watched day and night. These embankments, made not simply along the river but around the villages and for miles in the interior around low lands, must have destroyed thousands of acres of fine growing wheat.

I passed on north of the river after crossing it, but came back in four days and returned to Tai-nan-fu by footpaths and bridge paths as near the river as possible. In one village three houses had been carried off, the river having gradually worn into the bank until vessels pass in deep channel where the houses once stood.

Further on, not to speak of lesser damage to the intervening villages, I came to Kao-lia-kou-t'o, where seventy out of ninety families were turned out of home by the river eating into the bank and carrying off their houses. The poor people had gone to relatives, where they had them, or had erected rude huts in the fields. Three men who were on a building were drowned, as suddenly the ground from beneath gave way to let the river sweep away every vestige of that part of the village. What will these people do, I asked. "Some have saved grain, others can gather fuel, etc. from the fields before the winter sets in, and then they must beg."

On the eastern bank I passed through Sao Kow, which had been a flourishing village of 200 houses immediately on the banks of the river. Sixty-four paces of a street at right angles to the river had been carried away, while a street parallel with it was entirely gone. I learned in this village that in the rise in the 7th month twenty houses had been carried off, and on the 18th of the 9th month thirty more. Several old or sickly men and women had died of fright; others from bruises. What added to the terror was that the enemy did not content itself with converting sixty-four paces of the front of the village into a deep river bed, but made a flank movement, and, by overflowing its banks above came tearing down through the heart of the village in spite of the barriers of earth, stalks and wood to resist it. The houses thus wrecked are not numbered among the fifty above mentioned. Just below the village the river broke its banks and spread mud and debris over an immense tract of land. A man who showed me the ruins of the place said that the land destroyed was reckoned at two thousand ching of acres. A ching is 100 Chinese acres. This place was in Li Ch'ang Hien, the county in which Tai-nan-fu is situated. He said the officials had been informed of the devastation and help asked, but there was no response. Still further this way, coming south-west, were two villages, one Meng Kia K'uan and Tai Kia T'ao K'op; the former place (consisting of

90 houses) was entirely swept away, and the latter lost 20 houses. From these two contiguous villages, coming west, I could not pass near the river because of the numerous places where the water is still standing over the country, having either backed up the small streams or overflowed its banks, but I did not learn of any such wholesale destruction of villages. The number of graves and trees and acres of land sown with wheat which have been carried off is immense. A deep river bed takes their place. What I relate above can be seen within a limit of sixty li. I understand that above and below for hundreds of miles the same sight is presented, but I cannot furnish statistics. It occurred to me that the first steamboat to enter the waters of the Yellow river, if it came on an errand of mercy to these suffering people this autumn, might be the pioneer of peaceful commerce which would in time make "China's sorrow" (the Yellow river) a highway of prosperity.—*Shanghai Courier*.

WRECK OF THE STEAMSHIP GEORGIA.

A letter from Panama, October 5th, gives the following particulars of the wreck of the steamship *Georgia*—

By the arrival of the steamer *Salvador*, from Central American ports, intelligence was received of the wreck of the steamship *Georgia*, Captain Howard, which sailed from this port on the morning of the 28th ult. The steamer struck about midnight, on the 30th ult., on the coast at a point about eighteen miles south of Puntarenas, on the southeast shore of the Gulf of Nicoya. To account for the disaster, it is supposed that the Captain mistook the distance the ship had run, owing to currents and other causes, so that on passing Point Herradura, instead of changing his course, which would then be a direct one for the anchorage at Puntarenas, he ran straight on, and passing Jasper and Alcatraz islands on the one hand, and the Negritas island and Rock, ran straight on the beach where the vessel now lies. It is singular that the officer of the deck did not recognize Point Herradura, which must have been passed at about ten o'clock, or about forty-eight hours' run from Panama. The number of hours the vessel had steamed, should have brought her at least opposite that point at that time, if not to the anchorage of Puntarenas itself, which is only forty-eight hours' run from Panama, and has frequently been made in much less time. The vessel is a total wreck; the cargo lost, and the principal part of the passengers' baggage. The passengers and crew were saved, and also the mails, treasure and a portion of the baggage, such as was not stored in the baggage-room. The *Salvador* visited the wreck on the 1st instant, and took the passengers and a portion of the crew, mail, treasure, etc., back to Puntarenas. A part of the crew remained with the wreck in order to save what is possible. Puntarenas the passengers, mails and treasures intended for Central American ports were transferred to the steamship *South Carolina* and forwarded to their destination. Passengers for California and a number of the crew will go forward by the steamship *Colima* on the 9th instant. The passengers speak very highly of the conduct of the Captain, officers and crew of the *Georgia*, and of the coolness and good judgment displayed under the unfortunate circumstances, and praise the kindness and courtesy of the Captain and officers of the *Salvador*. The *Georgia* was one of the recent purchases made by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company from Mr Clyde.—*N. Y. News*, Oct. 16th.

Quotations.

—HONGKONG, November 28, 1878.

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" " credit...
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" Old Malwa, cash, 5
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Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/8
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/8
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/8
Credits, ... 3/8
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/8
Bombay, demand Rupees, 22 1/2
Calcutta, ... 22 1/2
Shanghai, demand, ... 72 1/2
" 80 days, ... 72 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 110 nom.
Sycee, ... 109 1/2
Mexicans, ... 1 1/2 c.
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine ... 27/10
English Sovereigns, ... 5 45
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5 45

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 71 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600
China Traders Ins. Co., \$1,550
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Lis. 720
Chinese Insurance Co., \$337 1/2
North China Ins. Co., Lis. 1,250
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$90
China Fire Ins. Co., \$225
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$17 1/2 prem.
H.K. U. & M. S. Boat Co., \$12 prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Lis. 17
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Lis. 104
Hongkong Gas Co., \$95
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$85
China Sugar Refining Co., \$52 prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$109
Do. of 1877, \$108

Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, November 28, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.280
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.180
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.180
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 68
Do. 1 P.M. ... 71
Do. 4 P.M. ... 70
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 65
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 67
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 67
Do. Maximum ... 71
Do. Minimum over night ... 63

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THE S.S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd December, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 2nd December. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN Passengers Tickets.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878. de3



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA BOMBAY.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "LOMBARDY," Captain W. B. HALL, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 5th December, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer, at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to A. MÖLVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. de5

To Let.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, The FIRST FLOOR, with immediate possession.

No. 3, The FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT, either separately or together, with immediate possession.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Underigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po), ORIGINATED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debit prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Underigned has leased the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONARD YOKO ONO, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "BELGIO," from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 24, 1878. de2

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. RENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Ex "Anadyr."

M F, No. 381/2, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 2 cases Wine, from Marseilles.

M F, No. 383/5, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 3 cases Cognac, from Marseilles.

T H, Tan Sive, 4 pkgs. Metal, from Batavia.

Hongkong, November 22, 1878.

Intimations.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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In a Superior Style at Moderate Charges.

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Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel.

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Translations of Chinese School-books.

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Notes on Chinese Grammar.

Journal from the Book of Rites.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

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Modes of Consulting the Oracles.

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A Remarkably True Bird.

Legends on Soapstone and Chinaware.

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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

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Hongkong, November 9, 1878.

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QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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ESTABLISHED 1809.

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THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against the risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES, and upon Terms very favourable to the Assured.

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 19, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier. 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Alverton	5 c	Darnell	Brit. str.	1086	Nov. 28	Captain		
Amazon	5 c	Dialer	Brit. str.	1802	Nov. 28	Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.	To-day
Belgio	5 b	Meyer	Brit. str.	1652	Nov. 24	O. & S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F. elcano	3rd prox.
Bombay	5 b	Scott	Brit. str.	749	Nov. 26	Kwok Achong	Hollow & Haiphong	30th daylight
Conquest	5 b	Scott	Brit. str.	317	Nov. 26	Kwong Lee Yuen	Amoy and Manila	To-morrow
Diamante	5 b	Thobaud	Brit. str.	514	Nov. 28	Russell & Co.		Tag Plying
Emmy	5 c	Blanco	Span. str.	222	Nov. 27	Remedios & Co.		
Fame	5 b	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	Nov. 24	B. K. & W'pos Dock Co.		
Fatchoy	5 b	Holland	Brit. str.	153	Nov. 24	G. Mc Bain		
Kuyew	5 b	Crood	Chl. str.	920	Nov. 27	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Killarney	5 c	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1050	Nov. 14	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Lorne	5 c	McQuilloch	Brit. str.	1035	Nov. 17	Melchers & Co.	S'apore and Penang	To-morrow
Mecca	5 b	Morney	Brit. str.	686	Nov. 21	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	2nd prox.
Meunier	5 c	Darke	Brit. str.	1940	Nov. 19	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	1st prox.
Namoa	5 b	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Nov. 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Norna	5 b	Nagel	Ger. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Achong		
Olympia	5 b	Paqualini	Feh. str.	783	Nov. 28	Messageries Maritimes	Swatow	30th inst.
Pelho	5 c	Hyde	Brit. str.	2074	Nov. 28	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	30th inst.
Penedo	5 c	Hopkins	Brit. str.	652	Nov. 27	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	
Rajanattianhar	5 c	Roberts	Amer. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Sea Gull	5 c	Reeves	Brit. str.	1029	Nov. 19	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Sunda	5 c	Young	Brit. str.	408	Nov. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy, &c.	
Taiwan	5 c	Girard	Feh. str.	1009	Nov. 25	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama	To-morrow
Tibro	5 c	Girard	Feh. str.	1009	Nov. 25	Messageries Maritimes		

Sailing Vessels										
Albyn's Isle	3	c	Burgess	Brit.	bga.	864	Oct.	24	Rozario & Co.	
Aloppo	3	k	Falconer	Brit.	bga.	665	Nov.	19	Chinese	
Alma	7	c	Ohleson	Swed.	bga.	332	Nov.	20	Mayer & Co.	Hamburg
Alva	2	c	Souza	Port.	sh.	631	Nov.	8	Brandao & Co.	Bombay
Amy Turner	2	k	Newell	Amer.	bga.	991	Nov.	10	Russell & Co.	New York
Angostura	4	c	Soyson	Ger.	bga.	418	Nov.	12	Carlowitz & Co.	Saigon
Benefactor	4	k	Hayden	Amer.	bga.	596	Aug.	2	Russell & Co.	New York
Brema	3	c	Timpe	Ger.	bga.	296	Nov.	11	Wieler & Co.	Batavia & Samarang
Bua Cao	1	b	Lange	Siam.	bga.	888	Nov.	20	Chinese	
Carl Ritter	5	k	Tajer	Ger.	bga.	596	Nov.	15	Siemssen & Co.	
Carnarvonshire	5	k	Fishwick	Brit.	bga.	388	Nov.	13	Melchers & Co.	
Catharina	4	c	Schultz	Ger.	bga.	344	Nov.	16	Edward Schellhass & Co.	
Charité	2	c	Gautiers	Feh.	bga.	256	Nov.	22	Carlowitz & Co.	
Chengtoo	3	c	Bakie	Brit.	3m. so.	304	Nov.	14	Borneo Co., Limited	
Chocola	4	c	Kennett	Brit.	bga.	284	Oct.	8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Honolulu
Christian	4	k	Kossov	Ger.	sch.	250	Nov.	1	Wieler & Co.	
Civiale	4	c	Nissen	Ger.	bga.	380	Nov.	20	Siemssen & Co.	
Coeran	8	h		Amer.	sch.	188	July	18	W. H. Ray	
Coloma	4	c	Hall	Amer.	bga.	493	Nov.	16	Russell & Co.	
Commissary	7	b	Morison	Brit.	sh.	900	Oct.	28	Yeyer & Co.	London
Condor	2	k	Steffens	Ger.	bga.	368	Nov.	22	Siemssen & Co.	